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East Germany estimates -
Defense Dept. request

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ISA)

SUBJECT: Request for Intelligence Evaluation of Effect on
Soviet Capabilities of June Uprisings in East
Germany

REFERENCE: 1. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense memorandum
for DCI, dated 7 October 1953.

ENCLOSURES: A. MI-57, "Probable Effect of Recent Developments
in Eastern Germany on Soviet Policy with Respect
to Germany", dated 24 July 1953.
B. MI-50, "Soviet Bloc Capabilities Through Mid-
1953", dated 18 August 1953.

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1. I am enclosing several estimates which bear in part
on the questions raised in your memorandum. The following sub-
crews (in Enclosures A, B, and C) give the evaluation of the
US and the [redacted] communists of Soviet actions in
connection with the East German uprisings.

2. MI-57. See paras. 3-5 under the heading "Recent
Developments in East Germany", and paras. 5-7
under the heading "The Effect of these Develop-
ments on Soviet Policy in East Germany".
3. MI-50. Remarks on the subject generally at
para. 19.

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2. The above estimates however do not evaluate the mili-
tary significance of the uprisings in that they do not estimate
how much Soviet armed strength would be tied up in East Germany
to prevent further uprisings. Nor do we have an existing estimate
of how much notice the West would get of the initiation of hostil-
ities as a consequence of a necessary Soviet build-up in East
Germany.

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3. These and related questions are being considered in two publications now in process: RIC-94, "Probable Developments in East Germany", and RIC-103, "Soviet Course of Action Towards Germany", estimated for publication later this year.

4. Please let us know if your requirement requires further action.

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